

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant has reviewed the detailed final Office Action mailed April 29, 2009 (paper no. 20090423) and thanks Examiner Reynolds for the indication of allowable subject matter and for the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 77 and 85. Previously, claims 70, 72, 75-86, and 88 were elected with traverse; claims 1-69, 71, 73, 74, 87 and 89-98 have been withdrawn. In the outstanding Office Action, claims 70, 72, 75, 76, 79, 81-83, and 88 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102, claims 78, 80 and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and claims 77, 85, and 99 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In this paper, claims 1-76, and 78-84 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 77 and 85 have been amended, no new matter has been added. Thus, upon entry of this response, claims 77, 85, and 99 will be pending in this application. Applicant requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 77, 85, and 99 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, Applicant has amended claims 77 and 85 to place claims 77, 85, and 99 in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 70, 72, 75, 76, 79, 81-83, and 88 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 4,863,698 to Ryder (herein after referred to as "Ryder"). In this paper, claims 70, 72, 75, 76, 79, 81-83, and 88 have been

cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Consequently, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 78, 80 and 86 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a). In this paper, claims 78, 80, and 86 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Consequently, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103 are moot and Applicant respectfully requests that they be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 40302-0033 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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